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BILL KING: Good evening. My name is Bill King, K-i-n-g. I'm a resident of Pahrump for a proud one year now. I'm supposed to be appointed to a couple of town advisory boards next week, and after my comments tonight I hope they're still have me.

I came tonight to observe and to learn, because there's a lot to learn. And frankly I didn't plan to speak, but the longer I sat here the madder I got so I decided I better put my two cents in.

First off, DOE, don't take this personally because you're just doing your job as professionals, and I recognize that, and I'm glad you're doing it, but I think I've kind of been wearing a uniform. I dress western because it's comfortable. And I wear a hat so I don't blind everybody with the glare. I have six kids, you know.

1 I think DOE should be wearing uniforms or costumes. They should be, and I've done a lot of theater work so I'm used to this, they should be wearing bib overalls with red kerchiefs and railroad caps and they should be blowing a railroad whistles because this is a big railroad job. The train has left the station. And as you said if we don't figure out a way to derail this, guess what's going to end up at the end of the line in Yucca Mountain, and then we'll have Las Vegas lights shining at night that direction and Yucca Mountain shining in that direction.

2 After ten years of research, billions of dollars spent by some very well trained, intelligent, professional and, yes, experts in their field, we, the citizens of this wonderful United States, are being asked to review this ten-year study in 45 days and comment, those comments hopefully to be listened to. Give me a break.

As my friend, because I like him, he's a rebel rouser, and Jim Shrek (phonetic) says, beam me up, Scotty. We're supposed to collect unstable nuclear waste from 70 locations around the United States who don't even have hearings. Why don't we have 70 hearings in each one of those cities around the United States so that they can comment like we're being allowed to do instead of transporting it across the country on railroads and trucks? I have a friend of mine who will not ride on the railroad because he said that's like walking out in front of a truck.

3 And they're going to put it all in one place? I used to deal with garbage years ago trying to deal with garbage recycling projects, and they came -- that's the first time I ever heard this expression NIMBY -- not in my backyard. Excuse me, I'm in Pahrump. Please, not in my backyard.

4 Final comment, I asked this of a couple of people earlier, has anyone ever asked the government, DOE and everybody, maybe this is just a bad plan? Thank you.